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MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2007

A meeting of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) was held on this date at the Bannock County Sheriffs Office in Pocatello Idaho. Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order. Attendees and guests introduced themselves. A full quorum was present.

Members Present: (Alphabetically)

- Chair, R. Mark Lockwood, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association
- Vice Chair, Bruce Allcott, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
- Michael Candelaria, United States Dept. of Interior
- Dodie Collier, Project Manager, SIEC
- Dia Gainor, Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare
- Jerry Goetz, Federal Law Enforcement
- Dean Hagerman, Idaho National Guard
- Mary Halverson, Bureau of Homeland Security
- Jon Heggen, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Greg Laragan, Idaho Transportation Department
- Lorin Nielsen, Idaho Sheriffs Association
- Joe Young, Idaho Association of Counties
- David Davis, Rexburg-Madison Co. Emergency Service
- Bob Dalton, Teton County Fire District
- Ken Estep, Power County Commissioner
- Dennis R. Godfrey, Caribou County
- Tom Gray, RCC Consultant
- Randy Haderlie, Rexburg Police Dept
- Carol Herrmann, Clark Radio
- Todd Herrera, Canyon County Sheriffs Office
- Mike Hoyle, Teton County Fire District
- Matt Howarth, Motorola
- Dave Johnson, Bingham County Sheriff
- Ryan Kaufman, Madison County
- Paul Martinez, INL
- John Moore, SIRCOMM
- Dean Philbrick, Swan Valley Fire
- Mike Sanders, Bannock County Sheriffs Office/911 Administrator
- Lynette Sharp, Air Idaho Rescue
- Russ Smith, INL
- Ray Van Vleet, Caribou County
- Mark Wendelsdorf, IFCA
- Paul Wilde, Bonneville County Sheriff Office
- Tony Hafla, Teton Communications
- Steven Williams, INL

Others Present:

- Bruce Bowler, Madison County
- Paul Clark, Motorola

Review & Approve Minutes—Chair Lockwood

Lockwood called the meeting to order; a quorum was present. Lockwood asked for a review of the August minutes. There were some minor corrections noted after which Lockwood called for a motion to accept the corrected minutes.

- **Motion: Young moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Hagerman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

Bruce Alcott is retiring and as this was his last meeting, Lockwood presented him with a certificate and plaque of appreciation.

The Upper Snake River Valley Interoperability Association project report was made by Chief Deputy Ryan Kaufman, Madison County Sheriffs Office.

The association's primary concern is maintaining a level of communication that will keep its emergency personnel safe. They want to be able to afford what is needed to keep maintain this level, which includes purchase and maintenance costs, they do not want to have to go back to the public asking for more money. Bonneville County submitted and was awarded a \$2.8 million COPS grant to begin their 700 MHz project. Jefferson County was also included so the counties will have direct-connect capability.

Alcott asked what some of the challenges and solutions to connecting are. Tony Hafla stated that there was a misunderstanding on Project 25. It is not complete so connectivity is not completed. Perhaps small smaller things can be done so that communications on the statewide level will not be prevented.

Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center (SIRCOMM) project report was made by John Moore, SIRCOMM Technical/GIS Coordinator presenting for Von Vogt, SIRCOMM Director.

Coverage maps were discussed. The relocating of a couple of towers may provide increased communications to more counties surrounding the SIRCOMM area. This system is reaching areas that previously not had coverage.

Technical Subcommittee Update was made by Bruce Allcott, Chair.

Latah and Benewah County communication plans were approved. Custer County will be approved by the next meeting. The statewide operational needs and technical resources assessment is to begin. Five vendors responded to the RFP and they all have good capabilities. All have been evaluated. The purchasing staff and review team graded the proposals and a letter of intent has been sent out to CTA communications. The contractor will be required to go to the local level in order to understand each need.

Outreach Subcommittee Update was made by Greg Laragan, Chair

What is interoperability and why is it important for the new legislature? What is history? What can we do to achieve it state wide? How is the money being used? The RFP -What happened

and how will it address solutions? These are some of the questions being addressed by the Outreach Subcommittee as it prepares the 2008 Legislative Outreach package.

Laragan asked that “Rumors, Myths and Realities” be sent to Collier so that they can be addressed.

SIEC October Outreach Calendar and E911 Commission Briefing was made by Dodie Collier.

There will be a Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) workshop October 1, Idaho has representation. The October 25 SIEC meeting will be in Kootenai County. The November 15th meeting will be in Twin Falls. There will be a JFAC meeting on October 2nd in Blaine County. The SIEC and the Division of the Military have a 3 ½ hour block to present information and address issues, assets.

Lockwood opened the meeting to open comments. Discussion included the PSIC grant process; Lockwood stated that until Idaho knows the award amount, a process for distribution cannot be established. Also discussed was the assessment, Allcott asked that everyone make the effort to participate.

Motion: Gainor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laragan. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.